

On the occasion of the dedication, which took place on February the seventh, the major address of the evening was delivered by the Rev. Burt Estes Howard, who made an earnest plea that the library be a true scholar's workshop and that it be conducted on the broadest possible lines, the final desideratum to be sought being the truth in science, no matter at what cost to cherished theories, or to preconceived, so-called scientific opinions.

The building itself is of a dignified Grecian type, and is one solid mass of cement, the interior finish being of highly polished oak. The institution has been called the Barlow Medical Library by the Board of Trustees and starts its career of active work with the five thousand or more volumes which were on the shelves of the College of Medicine of the Southern California.

Until an endowment is raised, the expenses of the institution will be defrayed through donations and by annual membership fees as mentioned. Membership is open to all registered physicians in California and arrangements will be made to place in the offices of out of town members such books and publications as they may desire in their reading or work.

The building has been erected at 740 Buena Vista street, within eight minutes distance of the center of the city and is opposite the buildings of the College of Medicine, U. S. C. The Librarian, Miss M. Williams, who has had much experience in library work is busily engaged in card cataloguing the library according to a modified Dewey classification.

It is the hope of the Board of Trustees that the profession of the entire Southwest will feel free to avail themselves of the privileges of this institution and that they will aid also, in increasing its value and scope by the donation of books, periodicals, reprints and other data of interest. Loans of books and prints will be gladly accepted. A plea is also made that those who have manuscripts and other memorabilia of the pioneers of the profession on the Pacific Slope and the Southwest, send such to the library for safe-keeping and reference.

This fire proof building should serve not only as a repository for printed pages from elsewhere, but it should also become a place where the records of the medical men of the past and present of this section of our land may be found.

If any readers of this sketch are interested in this work or have books or publications to donate or to lend, such persons will confer a great favor by communicating with either the President, Dr. Milbank Johnson, or the Secretary, Dr. Stanley P. Black, who will be glad to give detailed information concerning the library.

COUNTY SOCIETIES.

SANTA CLARA COUNTY.

The Santa Clara County Medical Society held its regular monthly meeting on February 20th, with twenty-two members present. Dr. Thomas of Palo Alto and Dr. C. I. Beattie of Santa Clara were guests of the Society for the evening.

Drs. Jordan, Beattie and Kapp brought patients before the Society and gave their histories, diagnosis and treatment. Several members of the Society took part in the discussion that followed the presenting of the cases.

Beginning March 6th this Society will have its meetings every two weeks, and it is the intention to hold one meeting a month in some of the other cities in the county. On March 6th we go to Santa Clara and from all accounts it looks as though our

entire membership will be in Santa Clara on that date.

President Osborne spoke of the needs of the Juvenile Court of this city and the members volunteered their services as physicians and surgeons. The attendance at our meetings is growing larger and larger and our fortnightly schedule is but a forerunner of weekly or even bi-weekly meetings.

K. C. PARK, Secretary.

SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY.

The regular monthly meeting of the San Joaquin County Medical Society was held at the office of Dr. E. L. Blackman, Friday, February 22, 1907. Members present: Drs. M. Goodman, M. Taylor, E. L. Blackmun, C. R. Harry, J. J. Tully, H. E. Sanderson, R. R. Hammond and B. J. Powell; Dr. Walker as guest.

The principal business of the evening was the arranging and adopting of the new fee bill. A number of changes were made in the fee bill and it was decided that after its adoption each and every member of the county society sign the same, after which the fee bill would be published in one of the daily papers, and that all members be absolutely requested to live up to the new schedule of fees. Recently many misunderstandings have been caused by some of the members and the laity not being familiar with the fee bill. Hence, this course was taken.

The names of five doctors were presented for membership, those of Dr. J. V. Craviotto and Dr. I. S. Zeimer of Stockton and Drs. F. Grosshauser, A. M. Tower and F. W. Klonk of Lodi.

Dr. Blackmun read a very interesting paper on "Opsonins." The discussion was opened by Dr. Mary Taylor, who was followed by the members present. After refreshments the society adjourned to meet with Drs. Fitzgerald and Southworth the last Friday in March, when Dr. A. W. Morton of San Francisco will be expected to present a paper to the society.

BARTON J. POWELL,
Secretary.

ARMY MEDICAL CORPS EXAMINATION.

Preliminary examinations for appointment of Assistant Surgeons in the Army will be held on April 29 and July 29, 1907, at points to be hereafter designated.

Permission to appear for examination can be obtained upon application to the Surgeon General, United States Army, Washington, D. C., from whom full information concerning the examination can be procured. The essential requirements to securing an invitation are that the applicant shall be a citizen of the United States, shall be between 22 and 30 years of age, a graduate of a medical school legally authorized to confer the degree of doctor of medicine, shall be of good moral character and habits, and shall have had at least one year's hospital training or its equivalent in practice. The examinations will be held concurrently throughout the country at points where boards can be convened. Due consideration will be given to the localities from which applications are received, in order to lessen the traveling expenses of applicants as much as possible.

In order to perfect all necessary arrangements for the examinations of April 29, applications must be complete and in possession of the Surgeon General on or before April 1. Early attention is therefore enjoined upon all intending applicants.

There are at present twenty-five vacancies in the Medical Corps of the Army.